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REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1 through 30 remain in this application. Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 8, 13, 14 and 20.

Objections

The Abstract of the Disclosure was objected to because of the phrase "The method of the present invention". Applicants have amended the Abstract of the Disclosure to correct this phrase.

Claim Objections

Claim 8 was objected to because there was no delimiter at the end of the limitation "storing the copy of the located display in the display file". Applicants have amended the claim 8 to address this objection.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 6-8, 13 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montabaldo (U.S. Patent 5,918,237) and in view of Kunzinger et al (U.S. Patent 6,405,222). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention comprises a method and system that enables a user to create a slide presentation from slides stored in a repository. In the method of the present invention, the each slide has a defined location in the repository (see figure 5). The user selects the slides from the repository. As the slide is selected the location of the slide is recorded. At the completion of the selection phase, the selected slides are downloaded into a file. This file is used to create a custom slide presentation using the retrieved slides. In the description of the method and system, Applicants used the term (Bookmark) to refer to the process of selecting slides to be downloaded. Since the term 'Bookmark' has a unique meaning with regard to global computer networks, Applicants submit that this term was not the best term to use to describe the selection process of the present invention. Although a bookmarking process can be used with the present invention, the primary embodiment does not require a conventional

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bookmarking technique. The term bookmark as described in the specification and claims is for a selection and identification of the slides in the repository.

With regard to the Montabaldo reference, this reference describes a means to provide text with a bookmark used in a global computing network such as the Internet. Montabaldo suggests association of intuitive human readable text with the URL bookmarks so that later when the user desires to retrieve the bookmark location, there is a meaningful way to know the contents of the bookmarked location. The URL does not provide a meaningful description of the site contents. The intent is for some time in the future to browse the content in the web browser based on a meaningful text description instead of a cryptic internet address.

With regard to Kunsinger et al, this patent suggests displaying a series of bookmarked sites simultaneously in cascading windows with a minimum of user interaction. The conventional method is to access bookmarked locations in a sequential pattern. It is necessary to close one bookmark site, prior to opening another bookmark site. The series of bookmarks can be maintained, added to, deleted from or resequenced. The purpose is for some time in the future to browse the aggregated content on the screen as a series of cascading windows organized in an automatic fashion.

Applicants' invention does not deal with associating intuitive human readable text with URL bookmarks. Applicants' invention suggests associating small thumbnail graphics with URL bookmarks. It does not store bookmarks on the user's computer. Applicants' invention suggests the bookmarks are stored on a server in a computer network. The purpose of my patent is not to browse the web site again and again. The purpose is to immediately download the content from the web site pointed to by the URL bookmark for use with a presentation application. 2) Applicants' does not deal with a cascade of web browser windows. It suggests to have content from all the windows downloaded into a file on the user's computer, the file being used with a presentation application. Kunzinger (6,405,222) talks about downloaded bookmark set, not downloaded content. The end product of the two patents Montabaldo (5,918,237) and Kunzinger (6,405,222) remains in the web browser, either as 1) human readable text associated with a URL, or 2) a series of open web browser windows. The end product of my patent is a file on the user's computer, a file that has content from multiple bookmarks downloaded inside the file itself. This file may subsequently be used for a presentation, even without connection to any network. The two patents Montabaldo

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(5,918,237) and Kunzinger (6,405,222) are not likely to be used without on-line connection to the internet.

Applicants submit that it is obvious to combine the two patents. They appear to enhance one another for the same purpose of re-visiting web-sites later on. However, the combination does not produce Applicants' present invention. The principles suggested by the two patents are likely to require the user's computer to be network connected for re-visiting information on the internet where the content resides. With Applicants' invention, re-visiting is not a purpose at all and the content resides on the user's computer for the purposes of use in a presentation session. The content from multiple bookmarks is stored within one file on the user's computer. Also, for the two patents, the bookmarks or the list of book marks are likely to be stored on the user's computer. With my patent the list of bookmarks is stored on a network server, Finally, one of the two patents associate URLs with text strings. Applicants' invention associates URLs with thumbnail graphics.

For the above-mentioned reasons, Applicants believe the present invention is not obvious in view of the cited references. Applicants believe this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Applicants submit this response on September 27, 2004. The original response date was September 25, 2004, which fell on a Saturday. For this reason, Applicants submit that this response is still timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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